

Action by Missouri Clean Water Commission

Date of Action: September 7, 2005

Water Body:

Name: Mill Creek
Classification: C
Identification #: 2124
Length of Segment: 2.0 miles
County (ies): Washington

Use Attainability Analysis (UAA) Finding(s):

Two whole body contact (WBC) recreational UAAs were submitted to the department by the Environmental Resources Coalition on April 17, and June 1, 2005. The UAAs were submitted to evaluate criterion #2: Natural, Ephemeral, Intermittent or Low-flow conditions.

Review Committee Recommendation (RCR):

Committee Recommendation: ☐ Retain Use ☐ Modify Use ☒ Remove Use ☐ Inconclusive
Information provided in the UAA led the UAA Review Committee to recommend "Remove Use" due to reported lack of depth to support WBC recreational use designation.

Summary of Comment(s):

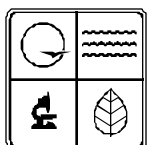
(1) Many comments from individuals indicated that they swam in the creek in the past and presently use the creek for swimming, fishing, hunting, and wading. (2) Comments indicated that there were several swimming holes at various locations in the creek. (3) Also, the Missouri Department of Conservation stated that they had observed the public fishing, wading and swimming in the creek. (4) One comment recommended the creek for secondary contact recreation because of a Stream Team site in this segment. (5) UAA 352: No flow data was recorded for site #003. The average depth for site #004 was given as 0.24 cm. There was no discussion of the impacts of cattle, eutrophication, or odor on hydrology, water quality, or WBC recreation. A study of at least one year is necessary.

Commission Action on Comment(s):

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Because of the comments received, the Commission voted to retain the use designation of WBC recreation for Mill Creek in Washington County from Section 8, Township 37 North, Range 3 East (08,37N,03E) upstream to Section 18, Township 37 North, Range 3 East (18,37N,03E). The commission directed further investigation to determine specific locations and extent of recreational activities.

Final Order of Rulemaking:

The use designation of whole body contact recreation will be retained on Mill Creek in Washington County from 08,37N,03E upstream to 18,37N,03E (2.0 miles).



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